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G.O. No. 2528 (Confdl)

Dated 28th December 1944.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Public Servants - (South Kanara) - Sri B.L.Rau, clerk, Sub Divisional Magistrate's Court, Puttur - Embezzlement of Government money - Report - Recorded.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject.

EMBEZZLEMENT - (South Kanara) - Government money - Sub-Divisional Magistrate's Court, Puttur - Clerk - Sri B.L. Rau - Report submitted.

Refce. C.No.9006/44-1 Con.

Station: M a d r a s, dated the 8th December 1944.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From

G. Venkateswara Ayyar Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

A.F.W. Dixon Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Commr. of Land Revenue.

Read:

Letter from Sri Rao Sahib P. Ramadoss, B.A., Collector of South Kanara, Ref.No.F6.1174/44, dated 19-11-1944.

REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Collector is requested to have the matter thoroughly investigated and to submit a detailed report urgently.

3. The Board considers that the then Revenue Divisional Officer has to share the responsibility and action against him is likely to be necessary. In his detailed report, the Collector is therefore requested to deal with, among other points, the rule on the subject, the responsibility of the subordinates who violat them, the circumstances that facilitated the commission of each item of misappropriation and whether the fraud discloses any defect in the system or rules.

He is also requested to report the designation of Sri B.L. Rau i.e. whether he was Head Clerk or Magisterial Clerk or any other clerk and to quote authority, if any, for the prohibiti of the practice of one clerk keeping the cash and the accounts.

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7.12.44

for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
To the Collector of South Kanara
Copy to the Accountant-General.

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Copy of letter Ref.No.F6.1174/44, dated 19-11-1944 fr the Collector of South Kanara.

Sub: Embezzlement - Government money - Sub divisional magistrate's court, Puttur - Clerk - Sri B.L. Rau.

While scrutinising the budget expenditure under "25. General Administration" incurred by the subordinate officers in the District, I noticed some abnormal expenditure under tour charges (Rs.122-7-6) by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur during th month of May 1944. Suspecting misapproprintion of Government mo I asked my Treasury Deputy Collector to call for full particulars an vouchers in support of this expenditure from the Revenue Divisional Officer and examine each item carefully. The Revenue Divisional

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SUBJECT :—

Budget - Control or Expenditure - Sections I & II - Progress of reconcili tion - [illegible]ent furnished.

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Order / Resolution ~~No.~~ / Rout. No._____, ~~dated~~ MEMO:C. 3694/36 dated 15 —6— 19 36.

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The following statement showing the progress of reconciliation of the departmental figures with those of the Accountant General under the heads specified below, is furnished to him.

Head of account.	Month to the end of which reconciled.
22.Genl Administration - Dt Administration General Estabts.	March 1936
22.O. Sub Divisional Establishments.	March'36, except Vizagapatam. The Collector's report is awaited.
22.p.A.Taluk Establishments.	March'36, except Vizagapatam. The Collector's reply is awaited.
22.p.B. Ryotwari Village Service Estabts.	
C. Proprietary Village Service Estabts.	march'36.
D. Cattle Pounds.	
E. Charges on account of Rev.Processes.	

Officer, Puttur, while submitting some of the vouchers reported that the remaining vouchers concerning that expenditure were not forthcoming and that some of them produced by the clerk concerned were not genuine. This bad state of affairs in that office have confirmed my original suspicion of fraud and misappropriation of Government money. I requested the Treasury Deputy Collector to depute one of the efficient accountants of his office to Puttur and have the cash accounts of the Revenue Divisional Officer's Office audited for the period commencing from 1-4-43 during which Sri M.A.P. Swamikannu Pillai (whose probation in the Madras Civil Service, Executive Branch has since been terminated in G.O.No.Ms.1784, Rev. dated 4-9-44 communicated with B.P. Ref.D.3142/44-7 Confdl. dated 13-9-44) was holding the Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur.

The audit disclosed a state of utter confusion in the maintenance of accounts and misappropriation of Government money by clerk Sri B.L. Rau. Fraud to the extent of Rs.71-3-5 practised by the clerk has already been detected, while in a large number of other cases, vouchers in support of the alleged expenditure are not forthcoming and in some others the genuineness of the payments said to have been made to the parties is suspected. In the latter two cases, I have asked the present Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur to pursue the enquiry vigorously and submit a special report as expeditiously as possible. Meanwhile, I have placed the clerk under ad-interim suspension, framed charges against him for fraud and embezzlement and also laid a formal complaint before the Police.

The fraud so far detected consists mainly of (1) double drawal of money under four charges in the contingent expenditure (2) wrong charging of amount to Government in respect of the bus fare paid for travelling from one station to another, (3) wrong charging to Government of amount paid in respect of private luggage transported from one station to another.

The fraud and embezzlement were facilitated on account of the following circumstances: (1) By leaving both the office cash and accounts in the hands of one clerk in the office and (2) failure on the part of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sri M.A.P. Swamikannu Pillai, to exercise proper supervision and control over the clerk concerned.

from the Board of Revenue Cheque. C.No. 9806 / London

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Shri Rao Sahib P. Ramadoss is the Collector of South Kanara

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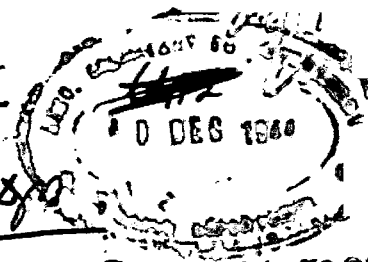

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